

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE
WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003
FAIRFIELD, IDAHO**

Chairman Daryle James called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Carol Blackburn, Roger Parker, Jo Lowe, Chuck Pentzer, Bryan Ravenscroft, Vernon Ravenscroft, Bob Bolte, Joe Schwarzback, Mark Dallan, Bill Davis, Clint Krahm, Dan Kenney, Stephen Thompson, DEQ representatives Mike Etcheverry, Jennifer Claire and Secretary Dana Sturgeon.

Minutes for April 22, 2003 were reviewed. Jo made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Clint seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Minutes for August 26, 2003 were reviewed. Clint made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

A bill for \$188.40 for Dana for secretarial services was presented. Carol made the motion to pay for the secretarial services. Seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Vernon reported that as of August 31, 2003, the balance in the checking account was \$ 18,341.95. After contacting the Blaine County Clerk concerning the second payment of \$ 2,400.00, she requested that the money be returned since it was paid twice in the same fiscal year. After remitting The \$ 2,400.00 back to Blaine County, there will be a balance of \$ 15,941.95.

The Watershed Advisory Group Administrative Assistance from the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission was discussed. This funding is available to reimburse qualified WAGS for FY 2004 administrative assistance costs. This program is available even if the WAGS have other funds available for projects. The administrative assistance budgets are submitted to the local conservation district and to Kathy Weaver, District Operations Manager. Clint made the motion to submit the proper forms for this funding. Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Jo added additional information on the 319 pre-application grants. She said that the Nature Conservancy Grant is for a 30-mile stretch. She also submitted a draft letter on The Hulen Meadows Pond Sediment Removal Project to DEQ, from the Wood River Wag, in support of Blaine County's endeavors to have the pond dredged of sediment so the benefits of the pond will not be lost.

Roger asked if testing for phosphorous hot spots could be added to the project.

Daryle asked Jo to e-mail the letter and pre-applications forms to the members for their review.

Chuck presented a written request to the WAG for funding to assist the BWR implementation plan. He stated that the agriculture component of the implementation plan for the Big Wood River is progressing, but there is still more work that needs to be accomplished. Canal companies have provided the Soil Conservation Service with a wealth of information differentiating between surface type and sprinkler type irrigation systems on cropland. This information needs to be put into their GIS coverage so they are able to identify and prioritize implementation efforts in the watershed. Part of the data to be entered will include parts of the Little Wood drainage for that implementation plan as well.

Due to amount of data that needs to be entered into the GIS tables, he estimates it will take 150 hrs. to complete the task. He asked if the WAG would consider providing financial support to help them with this task. They are requesting assistance at \$ 10.00 per hour for an estimated amount of \$ 1,500.00.

It was suggested that Chuck also check with the college to see if they have a program for students for implementing information. The Board discussed the logistics of getting someone qualified for this type of computer entry.

Bob made the motion to help with the data entry in increments of \$ 500. Vern seconded the motion. Discussion - Bryan brought up that the by-laws require this be placed on the agenda twice before action can be taken. Bob retracted his original motion.

A motion was made by Bob to put the request for financial request for data entry on the agenda for the next meeting in October. Vern seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Bob brought up the need to give their Secretary, Dana Sturgeon, a raise. Daryle thanked him for bringing it up as he had also been considering it. After a general discussion, Bob made the motion to give Dana a 10% increase for secretarial services. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

The 33rd annual RC&D tour & steak fry will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2003. There will be a cost of \$ 10.00 per person. The tour begins at the city park in Shoshone, north of the railroad tracks.

Roger asked the Board to stay for a photo, which will be used on the web site.

The September meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 28th at 7:00 P.M. in Carey. The November meeting will be held on the 25th at 7:00 in Fairfield.

Where upon the meeting was adjourned.

Daryle James, Chairman